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COUNTRY East Germany

REPORT

SUBJECT "SPINNE" Tower near Wolfslake

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1. [redacted] a sketch [redacted] showing the location of a tower built on a hill near Wolfslake [redacted] 50X1-HUM
2. The outside walls and general external construction of the tower are now complete and work is now under way on the interior fittings. A civilian watchman is on duty day and night.¹
3. All paths approaching the tower are now equipped with signs reading "No Through Way" ("Durchfahrt verboten"). A path running off from the Perwenitz - Klein Ziethen road has a sign reading "Passage for other than employees forbidden" ("Durchgang für Betriebsfremde verboten").
4. On the middle of the platform on top of the tower is mounted a tube or pipe some four m. long and of some 15 cm. diameter, with guy ropes or cables running off to three sides. The tube or pipe is fitted on the side with step-rungs.
5. From near the Krämerpfuhl ranger's house (marked "a" on the sketch) four telephone lines, running through insulators fixed directly to the poles, run in an eastern direction as far as the first road. This part of the line is marked "b" on the sketch. Pole No. 117 stands near the ranger's house and Pole No. 107 stands by the first road.
6. From Pole No. 107 the lines divide. Two lines (marked "c" on the sketch) run northeast to a firewatchtower (marked "e" on the sketch) located some 250 m. from the "SPINNE" tower² described in paras. 1 - 2 above, (marked "f" on the sketch). The fire watchtower is of wood and is manned by one civilian.
7. The other two lines (marked "d" on the sketch) run East from Pole No. 107. Their final destination is not known. No telephone lines are connected to the "SPINNE"² tower.

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8. The "SPINNE" tower has a power line, coming from the northwest direction, consisting of three cables.

1. Comment: this tower is a communications tower (Nachrichtenturm). 50X1-HUM

2. Comment: The shape of the tower was not described. A "Type I" concrete tower has been previously reported in this area. There is no justification in the report for the appellation "SPINNE". 50X1-HUM

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